IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:

Foster et al.

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10/017,135

Examiner:

Simon J. Oh

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SYNTHESIS OF SMALL PARTICLES

Mail Stop AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for responding to the Office Action mailed May 6, 2005.

The requested extension is for one-(1) month, extending the period for response from August 6, 2005 to September 6, 2005.

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CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8

I hereby certify that the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail on <u>September 6, 2005</u>, in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Alexandria, VA 22313-1930

September 6, 2005

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A check in the amount of \$60.00 is enclosed to cover the One Month Extension of Time fee. No additional fee is believed due in connection with this Response. However, The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be associated with this communication, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 07-1896.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: September 6, 2005

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